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Applicants: Steven M. Blumenau, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/751,684  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MANAGING ACCESS TO STORAGE  
DEVICES IN A STORAGE SYSTEM WITH ACCESS CONTROL  
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

*A1*  
-This application is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 09/343,969, filed June 30, 1999, entitled USER INTERFACE FOR MANAGING STORAGE IN A STORAGE SYSTEM COUPLED TO A NETWORK, and now pending, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 09/107,618, filed June 30, 1998, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING DATA MANAGEMENT FOR A STORAGE SYSTEM COUPLED TO A NETWORK, and now pending.-

Respectfully submitted,  
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